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Lovastatin production genes

NPKS

bovC:
Dehydrogenase ORFS:
HMG CoA
ORFS Esterase Reductase ORF13: ORF14: ORF15:
Zn Acetyl CoA Membrane
ORF12 finger II transport ORF15 transport tinger i ScPKS

(57) Abstract

A method of increasing the production of lowestatin or monacolin J in a lowestatin-producing or non-lowestatin-producing organism is disclosed. In one embodiment, the method comprises the steps of transforming an organism with the A. terretar D4B segment, wherein the segment is translated and where an increase in lowestatin production occurs.

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METHOD OF PRODUCING ANTIHYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIC AGENTS

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATION

Not applicable.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- Cholesterol and other lipids are transported in body fluids by low-density lipoproteins (LDL) and high-density lipoproteins (HDL). Substances that effectuate mechanisms for lowering LDL-cholesterol may serve as effective antihypercholesterolemic agents because LDL
- 15 levels are positively correlated with the risk of coronary artery disease.
- MEVACOR (lovastatin; mevinolin) and ZOCOR
 (simvastatin) are members of a group of active
 antihypercholesterolemic agents that function by
 inhibiting the rate-limiting step in cellular cholesterol
- inhibiting the rate-limiting step in cellular cholesterol biosynthesis, namely the conversion of hydroxymethylglutarylcoenzyme A (HMG-CoA) into mevalonate by HMG-CoA reductase.

The general biosynthetic pathway of a naturally occurring HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor has been outlined by Moore, <u>et al.</u>, who showed that the biosynthesis of

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mevinolin (lovastatin) by Aspergillus terreus ATCC 20542 begins with acetate and proceeds via a polyketide pathway (R.N. Moore, et al., J. Amer. Chem. Soc. 107:3694-3701, 1985). Endo, et al. described similar biosynthetic

5 pathways in Pencillium citrinum NRRL 8082 and Monascus ruber M-4681 (A.Y. Endo, <u>et al</u>., <u>J. Antibiot.</u> 38:444-448,

The recent commercial introduction of microbial HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors has fostered a need for high

yielding production processes. Methods of improving process yield have included scaling up the process, improving the culture medium and simplifying the isolation.

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Previous attempts to increase the biosynthesis of

- HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors at the level of gene expression have focused on increasing the concentration triol polyketide synthase (TPKS), a multifunctional protein with at least six activities as evidenced by the product of the enzymatic activity (Moore, <u>Supra</u>, 1985).
 - 10 TPKS is believed to be the rate-limiting enzymatic activity(ies) in the biosynthesis of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor compounds.
- U.S. patent 5,744,350 identifies a DNA encoding triol polyketide synthase (TPKS) from Aspergillus
- 25 terreus. "NPKS" is now preferred to TPKS as the acronym for "nonaketide polyketide synthase."

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In one embodiment, the present invention is a method of increasing the production of lovastatin in a lovastatin-producing organism. The method comprises the steps of transforming the organism with a nucleic acid sequence comprising the D4B segment, preferably comprising nucleotides 579 - 33,000 of SEQ ID NO:18 and 1 - 5,349 of SEQ ID NO:19. The nucleic acid sequence is transcribed and translated and an increase in lovastatin production occurs. Preferably, this increase is at least 2-fold.

In a preferred form of the present invention, the lovastatin-producing organism is selected from the group consisting A. terreus ATCC 20542 and ATCC 20541.

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In another embodiment, the method comprises the step of transforming the organism with the corresponding D4B segment isolated from a non-A. terreus lovastatin-producing organism.

In another embodiment, the present invention is a method of increasing the production of lovastatin in a lovastatin-producing organism, comprising the step of transforming the organism with the LovE gene, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is transcribed and translated and wherein an increase in lovastatin production occurs.

In another embodiment of the present invention, one may increase the production of monacolin J in a non-lovastatin-producing organism comprising the steps of

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transforming the organism with a nucleic acid sequence comprising the D4B segment. As a further step, one may additionally transform the organism with an entire LovF gene. If the entire LovF gene is added to the D4B segment, the organism will produce lovastatin.

In another embodiment, the present invention is the lovastatin production gene cluster, preferably SEQ ID NOs:18 and 19, and the individual genes comprising that cluster.

10 It is an object of the present invention to provide a method for increasing lovastatin and monacolin J production in both lovastatin-producing and non-lovastatin producing organisms.

Other objects, features and advantages of the 15 present invention will become apparent after review of the specification, claims and drawings.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a diagram of lovastatin production genes.
Fig. 2 is a schematic diagram of a hypothetical

20 mevinolin/lovastatin biosynthesis pathway.

Fig. 3 is a comparative diagram of statins.

Fig. 4 is a schematic drawing of plasmid pWHM1264/CB24A.

Fig. 5 is a schematic drawing of plasmid pWHM1424.

25 Fig. 6 is a schematic drawing of plasmid CD4B/pWHM1263.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

General

The Examples below disclose the cloning and sequencing of a cluster of 17 genes from A. terreus ATCC 20542, a strain that natively produces lovastatin (See Fig. 1). These genes flank the NPKS gene, which is known to be required for lovastatin production (see, for

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The DNA sequence of the cluster has been determined 10 and is disclosed below at SEQ ID NOS:18 and 19.

example, U.S. patent 5,744,350).

Mutations in four of the genes (P4501/LovA, SEQ ID NO:22; dehydrogenase/LovC, SEQ ID NO:24; esterase/LovD, SEQ ID NO:25; and ScPKS/LovF, SEQ ID NO:29) have been isolated and demonstrate that each of these four individual genes is required for lovastatin production. These genes are indicated with an X symbol in Fig. 1 and referred to herein as the "A. terreus lovastatin gene cluster."

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Another of the genes (Zn Finger I/LovE, SEQ ID NO:27) is thought to regulate the transcription of the other genes and causes a notable increase in lovastatin production when reintroduced into A. terreus ATCC 20542.

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Applicants have used the following convention in naming the genes and proteins of the present invention. The genes and proteins are first named with either an "ORF" or "Lov" prefix and then named either numerically or alphabetically. "Lov" signifies genes shown to be essential for lovastatin production. Applicants have

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also included a descriptor name that describes a probable function of the protein. For example, SEQ ID NO:1 is described as the "ORFI/esterase-like protein" because Applicants have compared the amino acid sequence to known esterases.

The portion of the gene cluster between ORF1/esterase-like protein and the mid-region of LovF/SCPKS is referred to as the "D4B segment". The A. terreus D4B segment is contained within a plasmid clone

- deposited as ATCC 98876. As described below, other lovastatin-producing organisms contain an analogous D4B segment comprising analogous genes. The present invention comprises a "D4B segment" isolated from other lovastatin-producing organisms. The arrangment of the
- genes within the D4B segment may be different in other organisms. We predict that the genes within these other segments will have at least 80% homology, at the nucleic acid level, with the genes disclosed herein. We envision that each of these lovastatin-producing organisms will comprise within their genomes a LovA, LovB, LovC, LovD,
- LovE and LovF gene. We have determined that the D4B segment will confer

production of monocolin J if the genes are all expressed

as we show below in an example using A. nidulans. We 25 envision that adding the LovF gene to the D4B segment genes will result in the production of lovastatin in a

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non-lovastatin-producing organism.

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Table 1, below, summarizes information regarding the different protein and nucleic acid sequences of the present invention. SEQ ID NOs:1-17 are predicted translation products of various members of the gene cluster. SEQ ID NOs:18 and 19 are the entire DNA sequence of the gene cluster. SEQ ID NOs:21-36 are the genomic DNA sequences of the various members of the gene cluster and include the introns. These DNA sequences are reported in the Sequence Listing in the 5' - 3' orientation, although, as Fig. 1 indicates, some of these DNA sequences are in the inverted orientation in the actual cluster.

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TABLE 1

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	SEQ ID NO.	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
15	SEQ ID NO: 1	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF1/Esterase-like protein	Translation of 6 EXONS 6865- 6568, 6462-5884, 5520-4822, 4774- 3511, 332-2372, 2301-1813 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO:18
	SEQ ID NO: 2	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF2	Translation of 1 EXON 7616-8602 FROM SEQ ID NO:18
	SEQ ID NO: 3	Predicted amino acid sequence of LovA/P4501 protein	Translation of 1 EXON 10951-9980 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO:18
	SEQ ID NO: 4	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF5	Translation of 1 EXON 22760- 21990 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO:18
	SEQ ID NO: 5	Predicted amino acid sequence of LovC/Dehydrogenase	Translation of 3 EXONS 23158- 23717, 23801-23912, 23991-24410 FROM SEQ ID NO:18
20	SEQ ID NO: 6	Predicted amino acid sequence of LovD/Esterase	Translation of 3 EXONS 26203- 26080, 26005-25017, 24938-24810 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO:18

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Translation of 3 EXONS 28525- 27673, 27606-27284, 27211-26837 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO: 19	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF17/P450II protein	SEQ ID NO: 16
Translation of 5 EXONS 24521- 24054, 23996-23936, 2876-23184, 23111-22977, 22924-22818 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO:19	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF 16/Membrane transport protein	SEQ ID NO: 15
Translation of 2 EXONS 20332- 20574, 20631-21860 FROM SEQ ID NO:19	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF15	SEQ ID NO: 14
Translation of 7 EXONS 19642. 19571, 19502-19427, 19352-19227, 19158-19011, 18956-18663, 18587- 18438, 18380-18341 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO:19	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF14/Acetyl CoA transport protein	SEQID NO: 13
Translation of 5 EXONS 16608. 16463, 16376-15372, 15319-15346, 15291-14225, 14767-14131 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO: 19	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF13/Zn Finger II	SEQ ID NO: 12
Translation of 3 EXONS 13596- 13496, 13451-13063, 12968-12709 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO: 19	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF12	SEQ ID NO: 11
Translation of 7 EXONS 4430- 4627, 4709-4795, 4870-4927, 4985- 5318, 5405-5912, 5986-6565, 6631- 12464 FROM SEQ ID NO:19	Predicted amino acid sequence of LovF/ScPKS	SEQ ID NO: 10
Translation of 8 EXONS 1400- 1452, 1619-1695, 1770-1996, 2065- 2088, 2154-2225, 2332-2865, 2939- 3099, 3180-3560 FROM SEQ ID NO:19	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF10/Metabolite transport	SEQ ID NO: 9
Translation of 1 EXON 31360- 32871 FROM SEQ ID NO:18	Predicted amino acid sequence of LovE/Zn Finger l	SEQ ID NO: 8
Translation of 5 EXONS 30062. 29882, 29803-29745, 29664-27119, 27035-26779, 26722-26559 (reverse complement) FROM SEQ ID NO:18	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF8/HMG CoA Reductase	SEQ ID NO: 7
COMMENTS	DESCRIPTION	SEQ ID NO.

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COMMENTS	Translation of 2 EXONS 29826- 30995, 31054-31328 (incomplete) FROM SEQ ID NO:19			Start = 6865 Stop = 1813 SEQ ID NO:18	Start = 7616 Stop = 8602 SEQ ID NO:18	Star = 10951 Stop = 9980 SEQ ID NO:18	Start = 22760 Stop = 21990 SEQ ID NO:18	Start = 23158 Stop = 24410 SEQ ID NO:18	Start = 24810 Stop = 26203 SEQ ID NO:18	Start = 30062 Stop = 26559 SEQ ID NO:18	Start = 31360 Stop = 32871 SEQ ID NO:18	Start = 1400 Stop = 3560 SEQ ID NO:19	Start = 4430 Stop = 12464 SEQ ID NO:19	Start = 13596 Stop = 12709 SEQ ID NO:19
DESCRIPTION	Predicted amino acid sequence of ORF18 (incomplete)	DNA sequence of gene cluster- first 33,000 nucleotides	DNA sequence of cluster- nucleotides 33,001-64,328 (renumbered 1-31,328)	DNA sequence of ORF1/Esterase-like gene	DNA sequence of ORF2	DNA sequence of LovA/P4501 gene	DNA sequence of ORF5	DNA sequence of LovC/Dehydrogenese	DNA sequence of LovD/Esterase	DNA sequence of ORF8/HMG CoA Reductase	DNA sequence of LovE/Zn Finger 1	DNA sequence of ORF10/Metabolite transport	DNA sequence of LovF/ScPKS	DNA sequence of ORF12
SEQ ID NO.	SEQ ID NO: 17	SEQ ID NO: 18	SEQ ID NO: 19	SEQ ID NO: 20	SEQ ID NO: 21	SEQ ID NO: 22	SEQ ID NO: 23	SEQ ID NO: 24	SEQ ID NO: 25	SEQ ID NO: 26	SEQ ID NO: 27	SEQ ID NO: 28	SEQ ID NO: 29	SEQ ID NO: 30

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SEQ ID NO.	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
SEQ ID NO: 31	DNA sequence of ORF13/Zn Finger II	Start = 16608 Stop = 14131 SEQ ID NO:19
SEQ ID NO: 32	DNA sequence of ORF14/Acetyl CoA transport gene	Start = 19642 Stop = 18341 SEQ ID NO:19
SEQ ID NO: 33	DNA sequence of ORF15	Start = 20332 Stop = 21860 SEQ ID NO:19
SEQ ID NO: 34	DNA sequence of ORF16/Membrane transport protein	Start = 24521 Stop = 22818 SEQ ID NO:19
SEQ ID NO: 35	DNA sequence of ORF17/P450II gene	Start = 28525 Stop = 26837 SEQ ID NO:19
SEQ ID NO: 36	DNA sequence of ORF18 (incomplete)	Start = 29826 to 31328 (incomplete) SEQ ID NO:19

Table 1 also notes the translation start and stop points in the various gene sequences.

10 The sequence of the NPKS gene is not listed in SEQ ID NOs:21-36. This gene is characterized in U.S. patent 5,744,350. However, SEQ ID NOs:18 and 19 do contain the sequence of the NPKS gene within the context of the entire gene cluster.

15 To perform many embodiments of the present invention, one will need to recreate various genes or a portion of the gene cluster described herein. Applicants have provided sequence data in the Sequence Listing sufficient to allow one of skill in the art to construct numerous probes suitable to recreate the genes from an A.

20 numerous probes suitable to recreate the genes from an A.

cerreus genomic library. Applicants have also described below various methods for isolating A. terreus DNA.

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Additionally, Applicants have deposited ATCC

Accession No. ATCC 98876, which contains clone pWHM1263 (cD4B) and ATCC Accession No. ATCC 98877 which contains clone pWHM1265 (CB2A4). Both plasmids are described in more detail below. Fig. 4 describes clone

more detail below. Fig. 4 describes clone CB4B/pWHM1263 CB2A4/pWHM1265, and Fig. 6 describes clone CB4B/pWHM1263 Fig. 1 also indicates the boundaries of the D4B and B2A4

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The clones and their inserts may be prepared from the ATCC deposits by methods known to those of skill in the art. The DNA from the clones may be isolated and any gene within the gene cluster may be isolated and utilized.

Increasing the Production of Lovastatin by Lovastatin-15 producing Fungi and Yeast

In one embodiment, the present invention is a method of increasing the production of lovastatin in a lovastatin-producing fungi and yeast, preferably A. terreus ATCC20542 and ATCC20541. Other examples of

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1. P. Juziova, L. Martinkova, V. Kren. Secondary Metabolites of the fungus Monascus: a review. J. Ind. Microbigi., 18:183-170 and references cited therein (1998).

Z. N. Gunde-Cimerman, A. Piemenitas and A. Cimerman, A. Pydroxymethylglutaryl-CoA reductase inhibitor synthesized by yeasts. <u>FEMS Microbiol</u>, Lett. 132:39-43 (1995).

3. A.A. Shindia. Mevinotin production by some fungl. <u>Folio Microbiol</u>, 42:477-480 (1997).

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Penicillium citrinum
Penicillin chrysogenum
Scopulariopsis brevicaulis
Trichoderma viride

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Aspergilus oryzea³
Doratomyces stemonitis
Paecitomyces virioti

20 suitable lovastatin-producing fungi and yeast are listed in Table 2, below.

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Microgramisms other than A. Lerreus reported to produce lovestatin (mevinelin)

Monascus (17 of 124 strains screened) species*

M. ruher

M. pidsus

M. pi

By "increasing the production" we mean that the amount of lovastatin produced is increased by at least 2-fold, preferably by at least 5-fold. The examples below demonstrate two preferred methods for analyzing strains for lovastatin production. In method A, the spore suspension is inoculated into a flask of SEED medium and grown. The resulting seed culture is used to inoculate FM media and grown for six days. In fermentation method

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B, one inoculates 50 ml of RPM media and grows this larger culture for 7 days.

Both cultures are extracted, pH adjusted, mixed with ethyl acetate and shaken for two hours. For analysis, 1 ml of the ethyl acetate layer is dried under a nitrogen stream and resuspended in methanol. For TLC analysis, a small amount of the extract is run on Cl8 reverse phase TLC plates in a solvent system of methanol; 0.1% phosphoric acid. The TLC plates are developed by spraying with phosphomolybdic acid in methanol and heating with a heat gun. The extracts are compared with authentic lovastatin, monacolin J, monacolin L and

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If one wishes HPLC analysis, the examples below describe the use of a Waters Nova-Pak C18 column used with a solvent system of acetonitrile and phosphoric acid. A Waters 996 Photodiode Array Detector will detect the metabolites. Lovastatin was detected at 218 nm.

dihydromonocolon L.

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In one embodiment, one would transform a lovastatin20 producing fungi or yeast with the lovE/zinc finger I
gene, preferably comprising the nucleotides of SEQ ID
NO:27. The examples below predict that this will result
in an increase of at least 5-7 fold. Preferably, the
increase will be at least 2.0-fold.

One may also transform a lovastatin-producing fungi or yeast with the LovE gene isolated from other lovastatin-producing fungi or yeast. One may obtain this

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gene by use of a probe derived from SEQ ID NO:27 by methods known to those of skill in the art.

One may also transform lovastatin-producing fungiand yeast with the D4B segment of the lovastatin production gene cluster (see Fig. 1), preferably as found in ATCC accession number 98876. Alternatively, one may transform lovastatin-producing fungi or yeast with the entire gene cluster, as diagramed in Fig. 1.

We envision that to successfully increase lovastatin production, one may also wish to transform less than the entire gene cluster. Preferably, one may determine what the smallest possible segment is by deleting various portions of the gene cluster and determining whether lovastatin production is continually increased.

15 Similarly, if one begins with the D4B segment, one may delete various portions for the segment and determine whether lovastatin production is continually increased by at least 2-fold.

Modification of the LovB/NPKS gene would produce

other HMG CoA inhibitors. For example, Fig. 3 diagrams
the relationship between mevastatin, lovastatin,
simvastatin and pravastatin. In one example, the methyl
transferase domain of the NPKS gene may be replaced with
an inactive form to make pravastatin. The HMG-CoA

reductase inhibitors within this invention include, but

reductase inhibitors within this invention include, but are not limited to, compactin (ML-236B), lovastatin, simvastatin,

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In another embodiment of the present invention, one may transform a lovastatin-producing organism with the genes described above and obtain the production of an HMG CoA reductase inhibitor with a structure different from monacolin J, monacolin L or lovastatin. Alterations in the side chain attached to C8 are the most likely possibility but other alterations may occur. These alterations would happen through the native biochemistry of the organism.

10 If one wishes to express the A. terreus genes in yeast, one may wish to consult examples in which others have engineered fungal secondary metabolism genes for expression in yeast. (See for example, J. T. Kealey, gt al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 95:505-509 (1998)). The exact approach could be used with the NPKS (LovB) and ScpKS (LovF) genes, and a somewhat simpler approach with the other lovastatin genes in their cDNA forms.

Production of HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors by Fungi and Yeast That Do Not Natively Produce Inhibitors

- In another embodiment, the present invention is the production of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, such as lovastatin, by fungi and yeast that do not natively produce lovastatin. An example of a suitable fungi or yeast is A. nidulans and S. cerevisiae, respectively.
- 25 For this embodiment one preferably transforms the genes within the D4B segment into the non-inhibitor-producing strain. By this method, one would produce

monacolin J (See Fig. 2) which could be chemically

converted to lovastatin by one of skill in the art.

Monacolin J, in its lactone form obtained by

- treatment with anhydrous acid under dehydrative

 conditions, is preferably treated with a derivative of

 (2S)-2-methybutyric acid, in which the carboxyl group has
 been suitable activated for undergoing esterification,

 and the resulting lovastatin is isolated by conventional

 methods. For example, see WO 33538, U.S. patent
- 10 4,444,784 and <u>J. Med. Chem.</u> 29:849 (1986). These are citations for synthesis of simvastatin from monacolin J.

 One would use the same method, but use the (2S)-2methylbutyrate derivative to make lovastatin.

In another embodiment of the present invention, one would transform the genes within the D4B segment, including an entire LovF/SCPKS gene, into the non-inhibitor-producing organism. By this method, one would produce lovastatin in a non-lovastatin-producing organism.

In another embodiment of the present invention, one may transform a non-lovastatin-producing organism with the genes described above and obtain the production of an HMG CoA reductase inhibitor with a structure different from monacolin J, monacolin L or lovastatin, as described above.

Modification of the LovB/NPKS gene would produce other inhibitors. For example, Fig. 3 diagrams the relationship between mevastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin

and pravastatin. In one example, the methyl transferase domain of the NPKS gene may be replaced with an inactive form to make pravastatin. The HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors within this invention include, but are not

limited to, compactin (ML-236B), lovastatin, simvastatin,

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Production of Intermediate Materials

pravastatin and mevastatin.

In another embodiment, the present invention is a method of isolating intermediate materials in the

and simvastatin. For example, the Examples below demonstrate the disruption of the lovastatin projection gene cluster with mutagenized LovC, LovD, LovF, LovA or LovB genes. Disruption of many of these genetic elements of the lovastatin production gene cluster will result in accumulation of intermediate materials. Therefore, to practice this embodiment of the present invention, one would transform a suitable lovastatin-producing host with a mutagenized gene within the D4B segment, as described

Many other mutations would be suitable to destroy the function of LovC, LovD, LovF, LovA or LovB. All that is necessary is these genes be disrupted to the extent that they are non-functional.

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25 Production of Lovastatin Analogs

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method for engineering the production of

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lovastatin analogs in such organisms as fungi or yeast, using monacolin J as the starting point.

Isolated DNA Segments

In another embodiment, the present invention is a DNA segment capable of conferring lovastatin or monacolin J production or increase in lovastatin or monacolin J production in yeast or fungi. In a preferred example, this segment is the "D4B segment" that is deposited at ATCC 98876. The nucleotide sequence of this segment is found in residues 579 - 33,000 of SEQ ID NO:18 and

In another embodiment, the present invention is the entire A. terreus lovastatin gene cluster, as exemplified by SEQ ID NOS:18 and 19 and ATCC deposits 98876 and 98877.

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residues 1 - 5,349 of SEQ ID NO:19.

The present invention is also the individual genes that make up the A. terreus lovastatin gene cluster.

Therefore, the present invention is a nucleic acid segment selected from the group of consisting of SEQ ID NOs:20 - 36. Preferably, the present invention is the coding region found within SEQ ID NOs:20 - 36 and described in Table 1. The present invention is also a mutagenized version of SEQ ID NOs:22, 24, 25 and 29, wherein the gene is mutagenized to be non-functional in

terms of lovastatin or monacolin J production.

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Organisms with Increased Lovastatin or Monacolin J Production

In another embodiment, the present invention are the organisms described above. These organisms include lovastatin-producing organisms, preferably yeast and fungi, that have been engineered to display at least a 2-fold increase in lovastatin or monacolin J production. The organisms also include non-lovastatin-producing organisms, preferably yeast or fungi, that have been

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Antifungal Compounds

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engineered to produce monacolin J or lovastatin.

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by digestion with ClaI, dephosphorylated with CIP, then

Applicants note that lovastatin, monocolin J, monocolin L and dihydromonocolin L all have varying degrees of antifungal activity. Applicants envision that the present invention is also useful for providing antifungal compounds and organisms engineered to express antifungal compounds. Preferably, one would measure the antifungal properties of a compound in the manner of N. Lomovskaya, et al., Microbiology 143:875-883, 1997.

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20 Measurement of inhibition of yeast growth can be found in R. Ikeura, et al., <u>J. Antibiotics</u> 41:1148, 1988. The same general methods could be used for all fungi. Both of these references are hereby incorporated by reference.

General Methods and Procedures

EXAMPLES

Construction of an A. terreus ATCC20542 genomic library.

A. terreus ATCC20542 genomic DNA was partially
5 digested with Sau3AI so as to produce an average fragment
size of 40 - 50 kb. The partially digested genomic DNA
was then separated on a sucrose gradient and the 40 - 50
kb fraction was collected. Cosmid AN26 (Taylor and
Borgmann, Fungal Genet. Newsletter 43, 1996) was prepared

digested with BanHI to create the two cosmid arms.

Ligation reactions with genomic DNA fragments and cosmid arms were optimized and packaged using Gigapack III XL packaging extract (Stratagene). The packaged cosmid library was infected into E. coli JM109 and plated out onto LB agar (Sambrook, st al., Molecular Cloning. A Laboratory Manual. 2nd ed. Cold Spring Harbour Laboratory Press, 1989; other standard methods used can

20 After checking for the presence of insert DNA in a selection of clones, 5000 colonies were picked into LB plus 50 µg/ml ampicillin filled microtitre plates and grown overnight at 37°C. The colonies were replica plated onto nylon membranes (Amersham Hybond-N).

be found here also) with ampicillin (50 $\mu g/ml$) plates.

25 Glycerol was added at a final concentration of 15% (v/v) to the microtitre plates and these were stored at -70°C.

Isolation of genomic clones containing the lovastatin biosynthesis cluster.

A 2.8 kb EcoRI fragment from pTPKS100 containing part of the NPKS gene (Vinci, et al., U.S. Patent No.

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- 5,744,350) was gel-isolated and labelled with digoxigenin labelled fragment was hybridized (65°C, 5x SSC) with the library, then washed (65°C, 0.1x SSC). Two positive nylon membranes containing the A. terreus genomic using the Genius Kit II (Boehringer Mannheim).
- Soulevard, Menassas, VA 20110) at accession number ATCC clones were identified, pWHM1263 (cD4B) and pWHM1264 (American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University (cJ3A). Two of these clones, pWHM1263 (cD4B) and WHM1265 (cB2A4), have been deposited in the ATCC 10
- conditions of the Budapest Treaty. The presence of the 98876 and 98877, respectively, under the terms and NPKS gene was confirmed initially by restriction digestion and later by DNA sequencing. 15
- PWHM1271 (CQ1F1) from upstream of NPKS. All these clones hybridization process using labelled fragments from both isolation of pWHM1265-1270 (cB2A4, cL3E2, cJ3B5, cO2B5, were transformed into E. coli strain STBL2 (Stratagene) ends of the insert in pWHM1263. This resulted in the Overlapping clones were found by repeating the 2R3B2, CW3B1) from downstream of the NPKS gene and to help prevent rearrangements. 20 25

This clone contains an insert of approximately 43 kb in Fig. 4 is a diagram of the cB2A4/pWHM1265 clone.

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SEQ ID NO:19 and 10 - 14 kb of uncharacterized DNA. Fig. nucleotides 4988 of SEQ ID NO:19 to nucleotide 31,328 of nucleotides 579 - 33,000 of SEQ ID NO:18 and nucleotides AN26 and includes the nucleotide sequence from at least 6 is a schematic diagram of cD4B/pWHM1263. This clone contains a 37,770 bp insert in AN26 and contains

Sequencing strategy and analysis.

1 - 5,349 of SEQ ID NO:19.

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A series of overlapping subclones (pWHM1272-

- Cycle sequencing was carried out using the AmpliTag FS or BigDye reagents (ABI) and were analyzed using a ABI model prepared using the QiaPrep spin miniprep kit (Qiagen). pWHM1415) were constructed in pSPORT1 (Gibco-BRL) and pGEM3 (Promega). Plasmid DNAs for sequencing were 10
- by synthesis of 18-22 bp oligonuclectide primers based on the sequenced DNA strand, with the help of the Oligo 4.05 373 or 377 DNA Sequencer. Primer walking was performed DNA was sequenced at least once on both strands. Direct program (National Biosciences, Inc.). Every region of 15
- existed. DNA sequence analysis and manipulations were confirm adjoining regions where no overlapping clones sequencing of cosmids and PCR products was used to software. Assignments of putative ORFS, including performed using SegMan (DNASTAR) and SegEd (ABI) 20
 - 2.0 searches (Atschul, et al., Nucl. Acids Res. 25:3389putative introns, were performed with the aid of BLAST programs (Program Manual for the Wisconsin Package, 3402, 1997), and the Genetics Computer Group (GCG)

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Version 8, September 1994, Genetics Computer Group,

Madison, WI), version 8.1.

Isolation and characterization of lovF (ScPKS, ORP11), lovD (EST1, ORF7), lovC (DH, ORF6), and lovA (P4501, ORF3) mutants.

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To disrupt the polyketide synthase gene, lovF, a 1.7 kb EcoRI fragment internal to the lovF gene was subcloned from pWHM1265 into pSPORT1 to give pWHM1291. The ScPKS fragment was then subcloned from this vector, as an

10 fragment was then subcloned from this vector, as an Acc65I - HindIII fragment, into pPLOA (Vinci, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,744,350) to give pWHM1416. This vector contains the phleomycin (Zeocin, obtained from InVitrogen) resistance gene for selection in A. terreus.

A. terreus ATCC20542 was then transformed to Zeocin resistance with this plasmid as described below.

Transformants were screened for lovastatin production as described below (Method A). In one of the transformants WMH1731, lovastatin production was abolished and a new

compound accumulated. This new compound comigrated with monacolin J on TLC and HPLC according to the methods described below. Semi-preparative HPLC was used to partially purify the major product which was then analyzed by HPLC - MS. The same mass and fragmentation pattern as authentic monacolin J was observed. To

with BamHI and HindIII, electrophoresed on an agarose gel and capillary blotted onto a nylon membrane. The membrane was hybridized with the 1.7 kb EcoRI fragment from pwHM1416 labelled using the Genius II kit

[Boehringer Mannheim] using the conditions described previously. The wild-type strain had hybridizing bands at 4.2 kb for BamHI and 11.5 kb for HindIII. As predicted, the wMH1731 mutant strain had hybridizing bands at 6.5 kb and 2.2 kb for BamHI and 11 kb and 7.8 kb single copy of pwHM1416 at the lovF locus.

LovD

15 25 20 digested with HindIII and BamHI and the 6.6 kb fragment PWHM1263 was subcloned into pSPORT1 to give pWHM1274. and the 2.1 kb fragment containing the phleomycin 1.8 kb fragment was isolated. The plasmid was also like gene, lovD, a 4.8 kb NotI - EcoRI fragment from and the end of the lovD gene was isolated. This plasmid was isolated. This plasmid was digested with HindIII and BsiWI and a were ligated together and used to transform competent E. resistance marker was purified. These three fragments was linearized by digestion with XbaI or RsrII before coli cells. The expected plasmid, pWHM1417, containing phleomycin resistance gene flanked by the beginning To disrupt the putative esterase/carboxypeptidasepPLOA was digested with BamHI and Acc65I

the WMH1731 mutant strain.

The genomic DNA was digested

confirm the disruption of the lovF gene, total genomic DNA was prepared from wild-type A. terreus ATCC20542 and

In one of the Transformants were screened for lovastatin being used to transform A. terreus ATCC20542 to Zeocin transformants, WMH1732, lovastatin production was production as described below (Method A). resistance.

- compound comigrated with monacolin J on TLC and HPLC abolished and a new compound accumulated. This new according to the methods described below. Semi-
- preparative HPLC was used to partially purify the major mass and fragmentation pattern as authentic monacolin J The same gene, total genomic DNA was prepared from wild type A. was observed. To confirm the disruption of the lovD product which was then analyzed by HPLC - MS. 10
 - As predicted the mutant strain had hybridizing bands at 9 genomic DNA was digested with ApaI, run out on an agarose using the conditions described previously. The wild-type strain had hybridizing bands at 9 kb, 8.4 kb and 1.5 kb. fragment from pWHM1274 labelled using the Genius II kit terreus ATCC20542 and the WMH1732 mutant strain. The membrane was hybridized with the 4.8 kb NotI - EcoRI integration of a single copy of pWHM1417 at the lovD kb, 8 kb, 3 kb and 1.5 kb confirming the homologous gel and capillary blotted onto a nylon membrane. 15 20
- into pGEM3 to give pWHM1272. From this plasmid a 2.1 kb To disrupt the cytochrome P450 I gene, lovA, an 11 kb Acc651 - EcoRI fragment from pWHM1263 was subcloned 25

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PCT/US99/29583 Apal - SnaBI fragment was purified and ligated to Apal . EcoRV digested pPLOA to give p450Phleo (pWHM1418). From this plasmid a 4.2 kb ApaI - NotI fragment was purified and ligated with a 1.8 kb Eagl - Kpnl fragment from WO 00/37629

- plasmid was then digested with KpnI and ApaI and the resulting fragment was used to transform A. terreus p450Dphleo (pWHM1419) which contains the lovA gene PWHM1272 and ApaI - KpnI digested pGEM7 to give disrupted by the phleomycin resistance gene.
- lovastatin production was abolished and two new compounds accumulated. Genomic DNA was prepared from this strain screened for lovastatin production as described below ATCC20542 to Zeocin resistance. Transformants were (Method A). In one of the transformants, WMH1733, 10 15
 - out on an agarose gel, and capillary blotted onto a nylon nembrane. The membrane was hybridized with the 6 kb Apal - Kpnl fragment from pWHM1419 labelled using the Genius and from A. terreus ATCC20542, digested with EagI, run
- wild-type strain had hybridizing bands at 2.0 kb, 1.9 kb and 1.1 kb. Mutant strain WMH1733 had hybridizing bands nomologous integration of a single copy of the fragment at 2.5 kb, 2.0 kb, 1.1 kb and 0.7 kb confirming the II kit using the conditions described previously. 20
 - from pWHM1419 at the lovA locus.

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To disrupt the dehydrogenase-like gene, lovC, a 2 kb EcoRI - BglII fragment from pTPKS100 was ligated with a 1.7 kb EcoRI - SacI fragment from pWHM1274 and BglII - SacI digested litmus 28 (New England Biolabs) to produce pDH1 (pWHM1420). Another plasmid pDH2 (pWHM1421) was

- pDH1 (pWHM1420). Another plasmid pDH2 (pWHM1421) was constructed from a 2.2 kb Acc65I SacI fragment from pWHM1274, a 2.1 kb HindIII SacI fragment from pPLOA containing the phleomycin resistance gene and HindIII -
- 10 Acc65I digested litmus 28. The disruption vector pDH-dis
 (pWHM1422) was constructed by ligating together a 2.5 kb

 BglII HpaI fragment from pWHM1420, a 4.3 kb EcoRV
 KpnI fragment from pWHM1421 and BglII KpnI digested

 litmus 28. This plasmid was digested with BglII and KpnI

 and the resulting 6.8 kb fragment was used to transform

 A. terreus ATCC20542 to Zeocin resistance. Transformants

 were screened for lovastatin production as described
 below (Method A). In two of the transformants, WMH1734
- terreus ATCC20542, digested with EagI, run out on an agarose gel, and capillary blotted onto a nylon membrane.

 The membrane was hybridized with the 6.8 kb Bgl II- KpnI fragment from pWHM1422 labelled using the Genius II kit using the conditions described previously. The wild type strain had hybridizing bands at 5 kb, 1.5 kb and 1.3 kb.

and WMH1735, lovastatin production was abolished.

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Mutant strain WMH1734 had hybridizing bands at 4.9 kb,

1.3 kb, 1.0 kb and 0.7 kb confirming the homologous integration of a single copy of the fragment from pWHM1422 at the lovC locus. The other mutant strain,

WMH1735, had a similar banding pattern but with additional hybridizing bands indicating that multiple integration events had occurred, one of which was at the lovC locus.

Construction and characterization of the A. terreus 10 strain with extra copies of lovE.

A 10.4 kb NotI- EcoRI fragment containing the putative regulatory gene, lovE was subcloned from pWHM1263 to pSPORT1 to give pWHM1276. From this plasmid a 3.9 kb HindIII - BamHI fragment was subcloned into

- 15 pGEM7 to give pWHM1423. The regulatory gene was subcloned from this vector into pPLOA as an SstI XbaRI fragment to give pWHM1424 (Fig. 5). pWHM1424 contains nucleotides 30,055 33,000 from SEQ ID NO:18 and nucleotides 1 1,026 from SEQ ID NO:19.
- into A. terreus ATCC20542 by transformation to Zeocin resistance with pWHM1424. Transformants were fermented (method A) and screened for lovastatin production initially by TLC analysis. Most of the transformants appeared to be producing significantly more lovastatin than the wild-type strain. The yields of lovastatin from the two transformant strains, WMH1736 and WMH1737, which had the most elevated levels compared to the wild-type

WO 0037629 PCTYUS9972983 was quantified by HPLC as described below. These were

found to produce 7-fold and 5-fold more lovastatin than the A. terreus ATCC20542 strain.

Because of the way that the DNA integrates (ectopically), each transformant is or can be unique, genotypically and phenotypically. However, some will be overproducers, others may exhibit no difference, for unknown reasons.

Heterologous expression of the lovastatin biosynthesis 10 genes.

To place the NPKS gene (lovB) under the control of the inducible alcA promoter, the 11.5 kb KpnI - AvrII fragment from pTPKS100 containing the NPKS open reading frame was ligated into pAL3 (Waring, <u>et al.</u>, Gene 79:119,

resulting plasmid was designated pAL3TPKS (WHM1425). The polymerase chain reaction was used to amplify the NPKS gene sequence between the NPKS promoter region just upstream of the translational start codon and a Agel site

internal to NPKS. The design of the forward primer introduced a KpnI site 31 bases from the translational start codon allowing the NPKS to be placed against the alcA promoter but also incorporating upstream elements

using Vent DNA polymerase with pTPKS100 as template and 1 μ mol of each primer in a final volume of 100 μ l using the manufacturer's buffer recommendations. After an initial

from the A. terreus system. Amplification was performed

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Genaturation cycle of 10 minutes at 95°C amplification
was achieved with 10 cycles of 95°C for 1 minute; 55°C for
1 minute and 72°C for 1.5 minutes. The final cycle was
followed by 10 minutes at 72°C to ensure complete

polymerization. The amplified product (1.7 kb) was digested with KpnI and AgeI and ligated into pWHM1425 that had been digested with the same enzymes and gel isolated. The resulting plasmid was designated pAL3TPKSNT (PWHM1426). The region introduced by PCR was sequenced on a ABI automated DNA sequencer to ensure

sequenced on a ABI automated DNA sequencer to ensure sequence fidelity. This plasmid was then used to transform A. nidulans strain A722 (Fungal Genetics Stock Centre) to uridine prototrophy.

Transformants were grown by inoculating 0.5 ml of 15 spore suspension (10° c.f.u./ml) in 50 ml YEPD in a 250 ml unbaffled flask. This was then grown for 20 hours at 250 rpm and 37°C (New Brunswick Scientific Series 25 Incubator Shaker). The mycelia were then harvested by

filtration through Miracloth (Calbiochem), rinsed with

20 sterile, distilled water, and inoculated into fresh 250 ml unbaffled flasks containing 50 ml AMM + lactose + 10 mM cyclopentanone and grown for a further 20 hours under the same conditions. The mycelia were harvested by filtration using Miracloth (Calbiochem), squeezed as dry

as possible and frozen in liquid nitrogen. Protein extracts for SDS-PAGE and western analysis were prepared as described in Kennedy and Turner, <u>Molec. Gen. Genet.</u> (1996), 253:189-197, 1996.

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One transformant, WMH1738, was shown to have a large protein (>200 kDa) visible on a SDS-PAGE gel that cross reacted with the affinity purified NPKS antibodies (Panlabs). This strain WMH1738 was transformed to

- 5 hygromycin B resistance with pWHM1263. Transformant colonies were screened for lovastatin resistance and for the production of new metabolites as described below and two strains WMH1739 and WMH1740 were chosen for further analysis. Both of these strains were found to be
- 10 significantly resistant (up to 100 µg/ml on solid media) to lovastatin compared with the host strain. This was analyzed by streaking 10 µl of a spore suspension on solid AMM plates containing lovastatin at 0, 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10, 50 and 100 µg/ml and incubating at 37°C. Strains
- 15 WMH1739 and WMH1740 were compared to strains WMH1741 and WMH1742 which were derivatives of WMH1738 transformed to hygromycin resistance with AN26. Strains WMH1739 and 1740 exhibited no inhibition of growth at any of these lovastatin concentrations whereas strains WMH1741 and 1742 showed slight inhibition of grown at 5 μg/ml and
- 1742 showed slight inhibition of grown at 5 μ g/ml and almost complete growth inhibition at 50 μ g/ml. The two lovastatin resistant strains were fermented in lovastatin-producing conditions using fermentation method B and extracts were analyzed for lovastatin related
- 25 metabolites as described below. Both strains were found to produce new metabolites. One compound that was common to both comigrated with monacolin J on TLC and HPLC analysis by the methods described below. Semi-

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préparative HPLC was used to partially purify some of
this compound, which was then analyzed by HPLC - MS. It
had the same mass and fragmentation pattern as authentic
monacolin J. The other compound, found in only one of
the strains, comigrated with monacolin L on TLC and HPLC.

Solid medium for growth of A. terreus

For the generation of spore suspensions A. terreus strains were grown on CM agar at 30°C for 4 to 5 days.

10 CM Agar (for CM liquid medium the agar was omitted): 50 ml Clutterbuck's salts (Vinci, et al., U.S.

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2 ml Vogel's trace elements (Vinci, <u>et al.</u>, U.S.
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0.5% Difco Bacto tryptone
0.5% Difco Bacto yeast extract
1% glucose
2% Difco Bacto agar
2% Difco Bacto agar
2% Difco Bacto agar
2% Difco Bacto agar

Clutterbuck's salts:

12% NaNO, 1.02% KCl 1.04% MgSO,.7H,O 3.04% KH,PO,

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Vogel's trace elements:

0.004% ZnCl₂ 0.02% FeCl₃ 0.001% CuCl₃ 0.001% MnCl₃·4H.O 0.001% Na₃B₃O₇·10H₃O 0.001% (NH₄)₆MO₇O₂₄·7H₃O

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For long term storage A. terreus spores were

suspended in SSS (10%-glycerol, 5% lactose) and stored at
35 -70°C.

For the generation of spore stocks A. nidulans was

grown on the following solid growth medium (ACM) for 3 to

4 days at 37°C.

2% Difco Bacto malt extract 0.1% Difco Bacto peptone 2% glucose 2% agar (Difco, Detroit, MI)

For strains which required para-aminobenzoic acid

(PABA) for growth, PABA was added to a final 9

respectively. Spores were suspended in Tween 80 - saline solution (0.025% Tween 80, 0.8% NaCl) and stored at 4°C. uracil and uridine these were added at 20 mM and 10 mM, concentration of 1 $\mu g/ml$. For strains which required

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0.6\$ (w/v) NaNO, 0.52\$ (w/v) KCI 0.52\$ (w/v) KH.PO, 0.052\$ (w/v) MgSO, 7H,O 1\$ (w/v) glucose 0.1\$ (v/v) ANM trace elements solution pH to 6.5 and make up to 1 liter with distilled

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was added. If required the glucose can be omitted and an For preparation of plates 2% (w/v) Difco Bacto agar transformation plates KCl was added at 4.47% (w/v) (0.6 alternative carbon source (e.g., lactose added at the same concentration). For the preparation of 25

AMM trace elements solution: 30

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.015% (w/v) MnSO4.4H2O 0.1% (w/v) Fe 0.88% (w/v) 2 0.04% (w/v) 0 0.015% (w/v) 0.01% (w/v) 0

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0.005% (NH,),Mo,O24.7H2O distilled water to 1 liter

Large scale genomic DNA preparation from A. terreus for genomic library construction.

The mycelium was A 2.5 ml aliquot of spore suspension (10° c.f.u./ml) and rinsed extensively with water then TSE [150 mM NaCl, harvested by filtration through Miracloth (Calbiochem) was used to inoculate 500 ml of liquid CM medium and grown for 20 hours at 30°C and 200 rpm. ហ

100 mM Na, EDTA, 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0]. The mycelium was chilled pestle and mortar followed by transferral to a liquid nitrogen then ground to a fine powder in a presqueezed dry, broken into small pellets and frozen in 500 ml flask. Fifty ml of extraction buffer [150 mM 10

NaCl, 100 mM Na, EDTA, 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 2% (w/v) SDS) and 10 ml of toluene was added to the flask which was This mixture was shaken at 60 rpm for 72 hours. 15

supernatant was removed and extracted with an equal

centrifuged at 1000 x g for 15 minutes and the

This mixture was centrifuged at 10,000 x g for 30 minutes volume of chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (24:1 vol/vol). 20

at 15°C. The aqueous layer was carefully removed and 1.1 The DNA was volumes of ethanol was layered on top.

spooled out from the resulting suspension and resuspended in 5 ml TE [10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA] + 50 $\mu g/ml$ RNase and 100 µg/ml proteinase K then incubated at 37°C for 2 hours. The mixture was extracted again with 25

chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (24:1) and the DNA was spooled out as before. Following resuspension in 1 ml of TE the

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DNA was extracted once with phenol:chloroform:isoamyl
alcohol (25:24:1, vol/vol), once with chloroform:isoamyl

alcohol (24:1) and precipitated with 0.6 volumes isopropanol. The DNA clot was removed, dried briefly and resuspended in 0.5 ml TE.

Small scale genomic DNA preparation from A. terreus for Southern blot.

A 0.5 ml aliquot of spore suspension (10° c.f.u./ml)
was used to inoculate 100 ml of liquid CM and grown for
20 hours at 30°C and 200 rpm. The mycelium was harvested
by filtration through Miracloth (Calbiochem) and rinsed
extensively with water then TSE [150 mM NaCl, 100 mM
Na;EDTA, 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0]. The mycelium was
squeezed dry, broken into small pellets and frozen in
liquid nitrogen. The mycelium was ground to a fine
powder in a pre-chilled pestle and mortar and transferred
to a mortar pre-heated to 65°C. Three ml of lysis buffer
[0.5 M NaCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 10 mM EDTA, 1% (m/v)
SDS] at 65°C was added and 0.3 ml of 10% (m/v)

cetyltrimethylammonium bromide in 0.7 M NaCl. After thorough mixing to form a slurry, 3 ml of phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1) was added. This mixture was transferred to a Corex tube and incubated at 65°C for 15 minutes. Following centrifugation at 12,000 x g for 15 minutes at 4°C the

centrifugation at 12,000 x g for 15 minutes at 4°C the aqueous phase was carefully removed and re-extracted once with phenol, once with phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1) and once with chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (24:1). The DNA was precipitated from the extract by

PCT/US99/29583 addition of 0.1 volume of 3 M sodium acetate pH 5 and 0.6 volumes isopropanol then collected by centrifugation (10,000 x g, 10 minutes, 4°C). After washing with 70% ethanol the pellet was briefly dried and resuspended in TE + RNase (50 µg/ml).

Transformation of A. terreus.

A 0.5 ml aliquot of spore suspension (10° c.f.u./ml) was used to inoculate 100 ml of liquid CM and grown for 20 hours at 30°C and 200 rpm. The mycelium was harvested by centrifugation at 2000 x g for 15 minutes at 4°C and washed twice with an aqueous solution containing 0.27 M CaCl, and 0.6 M NaCl. To produce protoplasts the washed mycelia was resuspended in 20 ml of the same solution containing 5 mg/ml Novozym 234 (NovoNordisk) and

incubated at 30°C for 1 - 3 hours with gentle agitation.

Protoplasts were separated from undigested mycelia by

filtration through Miracloth (Calbiochem). The

protoplast suspension was diluted with an equal volume of

STC1700 [1.2 M sorbitol, 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 35 mM

20 NaCl] and incubated on ice for 10 minutes. The protoplasts were collected by centrifugation (2000 x g, 10 minutes, 4°C), washed with STC1700 and resuspended in 1 ml STC1700. Plasmid DNA, purified using Qiagen columns, (2 - 5 μg in 10 μl) was added to 150 μl of protoplast suspension and incubated at room temperature for 25 minutes. PEG solution [60% (w/v) polyethylene glycol 4000, 50 mM CaCl₂, 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5] was added

to the DNA/protoplasts mixture in three steps: 250 μ l,

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250 μ l, and 850 μ l with mixing after each addition. The suspension was incubated at room temperature for 25 minutes then diluted to 10 ml with STC1700. Protoplasts were collected by centrifugation as above and diluted

- with 500 μ l STC1700. 100 μ l aliquots of this mixture were plated onto osmotically stabilized plates (CM medium containing 3% (w/v) Difco Bacto agar and 23.4% (w/v) mannitol, 15 ml of agar per plate). After 4 hours growth at 30°C, 25 ml of OL agar [1% (w/v) Difco Bacto peptone, 1% (w/v) Difco Bacto peptone,
 - 10 1% (w/v) Difco Bacto agar, 200 µg/ml Zeocin] was overlayered onto each dish. The plates were incubated for 3 4 days at 10°C before transformant colonies were picked. These were streaked to single colonies twice on selective media (CM + 100 µg/ml Zeocin) before spore

suspensions were prepared. Transformation of A. nidulans.

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A 0.5 ml aliquot of spore suspension (10° c.f.u./ml) was used to inoculate 100 ml of YEPD [2% (w/v) Difco Bacto yeast extract, 2% (w/v) glucose, 0.1% Difco Bacto peptone] liquid medium including necessary supplements and grown for 20 hours at 37°C and 200 rpm. The mycelia was harvested by centrifugation (2000 x g, 10 minutes, 4°C) and washed twice with 0.6 M KCl. To generate protoplasts the mycelia was resuspended in 20 ml of 0.6 M KCl containing 5 mg/ml Novozym 234 and incubated at 30°C for 1 - 2 hours with gentle shaking. Protoplasts were separated from undigested mycelia by filtration through Miracloth (Calbiochem). The protoplasts were harvested

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by centrifugation as described above and washed twice
with 0.6 M KCl, then resuspended in 10 ml 0.6 M KCl + 50

mM CaCl₂. After counting in a haemocytometer the
protoplasts were harvested by centrifugation as before

- 5 and resuspended to a final concentration of 5 x 10° protoplasts/ml. To 50 μl of protoplast suspension, 5 μl of DNA (2 5 μg, purified using Qiagen columns) was added, then 12.5 μl of PEG solution [25% (w/v) PEG 6000, 50 mM Cacl, 10 mM Tris Hcl pH 7.5] and the mixture was
- incubated on ice for 20 minutes. A further 0.5 ml of PEG solution was added and the mixture was incubated on ice for a further 5 minutes. A 1 ml aliquot of 0.6 M KCl + 50 mM CaCl, was added and the protoplasts were plated out in 50 µl, 200 µl, and 400 µl aliquots. For
- 15 transformation to uridine prototrophy, protoplasts were plated out onto AMM + 0.6 M KCl plates without adding uridine or uracil supplements. Plates were incubated at 37°C for 3 4 days when transformants were picked. For transformation to hygromycin B resistance protoplasts
- 20 were plated out onto AMM + 0.6 M KCl plates (15 ml) and incubated for 4 hours at 30°C. 30 ml of 1% peptone, 1% agar, 1 mg/ml hygromycin B was then used to overlay the plates, which were incubated for 3 4 days when
- methods were streaked out to single colonies on selective media (i.e., lacking uridine/uracil supplements or containing 1 µg/ml hygromycin B) twice before spore suspensions were made.

transformants were picked. Transformants from both

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Analysis of strains for lovastatin production.

10 v 0.5 ml of spore suspension (10° c.f.u./ml) and growing at described above. Fermentation Method B involved SEED medium in 250 ml unbaffled flasks and grown for 18 Series 25 Incubator Shaker. inoculating 50 ml of RPM in a 250 ml unbaffled flask with ml unbaffled flask and grown for 6 days in the conditions seed culture was used to inoculate 25 ml of FM in a 250 hours at 250 rpm and 30°C (New Brunswick Scientific Model suspension (10° c.f.u./ml) was inoculated into 25 ml of of lovastatin production. In Method A, 0.5 ml of spore 25 incubator/shaker). A 1 ml portion of the resulting and 250 rpm for 7 days in a New Brunswick Scientific Two fermentation methods were used for the analysis

SEED medium:

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0.5% (w/v) Sigma corn steep liquor 4% (w/v) comato paste 1% (w/v) oat flour 1% (w/v) glucose 1% (v/v) Vogel's trace elements distilled water to 1 l

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4.5% (w/v) glucose
2.4% (w/v) Sigma peptonized milk
0.25% (w/v) Difco Bacto yeast extrac:
0.25% (w/v) polyethylene glycol 2000
distilled water up to 1 l extract

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RPM:

ŝ ä # 000000 # 1.3% (w/v) rapeseed meal
1.2% (w/v) KNO,
1.3% (w/v) KN,PO,
1.05% (w/v) MGSO, 7H,O
1.05% (w/v) NACl
1.05% (w/v) Sigma antifoam B
1.05% (v/v) trace elements solution
1.05% (v/v) trace to 1 1 with distilled water. (w/v) lactose

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0.16% (w/v) MnSO₄ 0.34% (w/v) ZnSO₄·7H₂O 0.2% (w/v) CoCl₃·6H₂O 0.5% (w/v) FeSO₄·7H₂O

made up to 1 liter with distilled water.

10 acetate, and shaking the mixture on a New Brunswick the media to 3 with HCl, adding an equal volume of ethyl The cultures were extracted by adjusting the pH o F

15 gun. Extracts were compared with authentic lovastatin, phosphomolybdic acid in methanol and heating with a heat run on C-18 reverse phase TLC plates (RP-18 F254 - Merck) of methanol. For TLC analysis 10 μ l of this extract was dried under a nitrogen stream and resuspended in 0.1 ml hours. For analysis, 1 ml of the ethyl acetate layer was Scientific Series 25 incubator/shaker at 250 rpm for 2 (9:1). TLC plates were developed by spraying with 10% in a solvent system of methanol: 0.1% phosphoric acid

20 monacolin J, monacolin L, and dihydromonacolin L (acid of acetonitrile (B) and 0.1% phosphoric acid (A). The C_{is} (3.9 x 150 mm) column was used with a solvent system and lactone forms). For HPLC analysis a Waters Nova-Pak Array Detector; lovastatin was detected at 238 nm. For metabolites were detected with a Waters 996 Photodiode Millenium Software) with a flow rate of 1.5 ml/min and column was eluted with a preprogrammed gradient of 0 to purification of metabolites a Waters Prep Nova-Pak HR C_{II} 100% B into A over 25 minutes using gradient 7 (Waters

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(7.8 x 300 mm) column was used. The same solvent system

above was used with gradient of 0 to 100% B in A over

75 minutes at a flow rate of 4.5 ml/min. Fractions were

collected manually, back extracted with ethyl acetate and dried. For HPLC-Ms an Aquapore OD-300 7 micron (1.0 κ

100 mm) column was used with a gradient of 0 to 100%

acetonitrile into A (0.05% TFA) over 30 minutes at a flow rate of 0.02 ml/min.

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CLAIMS

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We claim:

1. A method of increasing the production of lovastatin in a lovastatin-producing organism, comprising the steps of transforming the organism with the D4B segment, wherein the segment is transcribed and translated, and wherein an increase in lovastatin

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the D4B segment is the A. terreus D4B segment.

production occurs.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the D4B segment is identical to nucleotides 579 - 33,000 of SEQ ID NO:18 and 1 - 5,349 of SEQ ID NO:19.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the lovastatin-producing organism is selected from the group consisting of A. terreus ATCC 20542 and ATCC 20541.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the organism is selected from the group consisting of fungi and yeast.

 The method of claim 1 wherein the increase is at least 2-fold.

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- sequence is identical to a sequence isolated from ATCC The method of claim 1 wherein the nucleic acid
- transforming the organism with the entire A. terreus lovastatin gene cluster. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising
- comprises SEQ ID NOs:18 and 19. The method of claim 8 wherein the gene cluster
- sequence of the gene cluster is identical to sequences isolated from ATCC 98876 and 98877. 10. The method of claim 8 wherein the nucleic acid
- comprising the steps of transforming the organism with wherein an increase monacolin J production occurs. the D4B segment, wherein the segment is translated, and monacolin J in a lovastatin-producing organism, 11. A method of increasing the production of
- lovastatin in a lovastatin-producing organism, comprising wherein an increase in lovastatin production occurs. wherein the nucleic acid sequence is translated, and the step of transforming the organism with the LovE gene, 12. A method of increasing the production of

- WO 00/37629 at least 2.0-fold. 13. The method of claim 12 wherein the increase is PCT/US99/29583
- at least 5-fold. 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the increase is
- sequence of the LovE gene comprises SEQ ID NO:27. 15. The method of claim 12 wherein the nucleotide
- transcribed and translated and wherein an increase in terreus D4B segment, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is the steps of transforming the organism with a nucleic lovastatin production occurs. acid sequence comprising a truncated version of the A. lovastatin in a lovastatin-producing organism comprising 16. A method of increasing the production of
- the steps of transforming the organism with a nucleic acid sequence comprising a truncated version of the A. lovastatin in a lovastatin-producing organism comprising 17. A method of increasing the production of
- u terreus lovastatin-producing gene cluster, wherein the wherein an increase in lovastatin production occurs. nucleic acid sequence is transcribed and translated and

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18. A method of increasing or conferring the production of monacolin J in a non-lovastatin-producing organism comprising the steps of transforming the organism with a nucleic acid sequence comprising the B4B segment, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is transcribed

and translated and wherein an increase in monacolin J

production occurs.

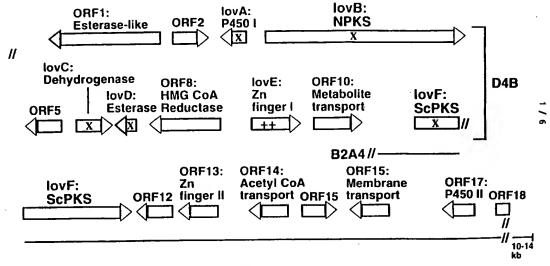
- 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the D4B segment is the A. terreus D4B segment.
- 20. The method of claim 18 wherein the D4B segment. comprises nucleotides 579 33,000 of SEQ ID NO:18 and 1-5,349 of SEQ ID NO:19.
- The method of claim 18 additionally comprising the step of converting the monacolin J into lovastatin.
- the step of transforming the organism with a nucleic acid sequence comprising the LovF gene, wherein the nucleic acid acid sequence is transcribed and translated and wherein
 - 5 an increase in lovastatin production occurs.
- 23. An isolated nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:20 - 36.

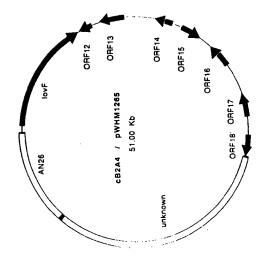
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24. A lovastatin-producing organism, wherein the organism has been genetically modified to have increased lovastatin production, wherein the increase is at least 2-fold.

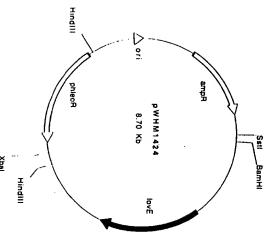
- 25. The organism of claim 24, wherein the organism is a yeast or a fungi.
- 26. A non-lovastatin producing organism, wherein the organism has been genetically modified to produce monacolin J.
- 27. The organism of claim 26, wherein the organism is a yeast or a fungi.
- 28. A non-lovastatin producing organism, wherein the organism has been genetically modified to produce lovastatin.
- 29. The organism of claim 28 wherein the organism is a yeast or a fungi.





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FIG.



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FIG. 6

FIG. 5

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